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SUMMARY: GABON, FINLAND, INDONESIA, BULGARIA, FRG,
YUGOSLAVIA, AND TUNISIA SPOKE AT APRIL 26 MORNING
MEETING OF SPECIAL UNGA ON NAMIBIA. FRG MADE STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT
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VORSTER'S APRIL 25 COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL.
THE NON-ALIGNED GENERALLY SAID THEY WOULD FOLLOW SWAPO'S
LEAD. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE WESTERN SETTLEMENT
PROPOSAL, THEY ALSO ASSERTED THAT THERE WERE
DEFICIENCIES IN IT; THEY FOCUSED ON OMISSION OF
WALVIS BAY. YUGOSLAVS GAVE MOST DETAILED

EXPOSITION OF NON-ALIGNED POSITION. BULGARIA FOLLOWED YESTERDAY'S SOVIET LEAD IN CRITICIZING THE WESTERN EFFORT. END SUMMARY.

1. AS LEAD SPEAKER AT APRIL 26 MORNING MEETING OF SPECIAL UNGA ON NAMIBIA, PRIME MINISTER OF GABON LEON MEBIAME, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BONGO, APPEALED TO THE WEST TO BRING ACTS INTO LINE WITH PRINCIPLES. EMPHASIZING OAU-UN ENDORSEMENT OF SWAPO, HE SAID THAT ALL PARTIES MUST TAKE PART IN DECIDING NAMIBIA'S FUTURE AND THAT OAU AND UN MUST GUARANTEE INTEGRITY OF ANY ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA. MEBIAME NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WITHOUT SUPPORT OF MAJOR POWERS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING. WELCOMING THE FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL AS "A POSITIVE INITIATIVE", HE NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAU (I.E. GABON) HAD BEEN KEPT APART FROM THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

2. FINNISH PERMREP PASTINEN WARNED THAT IF THERE WERE NO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD IMPOSE AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT", LEADING INEVITABLY TO FURTHER BLOODSHED AND DELAYING THE ATTAINMENT OF TRUE INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA. AFTER OUTLINING FINLAND'S HISTORICAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AND PRAISING SWAPO'S "COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE" ON A PEACEFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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SETTLEMENT, HE ALSO LAUDED THE WESTERN FIVE FOR THEIR "SERIOUS EFFORTS" AND SAID FINLAND COULD NOT SEE ANY OTHER VIABLE PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE TO ARMED STRUGGLE. ADDING THAT IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO COMMENT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL, PASTINEN SAID THAT A STRONG UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE ESSENTIAL. MEANWHILE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP UP "UNRELENTING" PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND, IN THE EVENT THERE WERE NO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER TAKING FURTHER MEASURES AGAINST THE SAG.

3. DIRECTOR GENERAL DARVSMAN OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMENDED SWAPO FOR ITS FLEXIBILITY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WESTERN FIVE AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. HE SAID THAT INDONESIA FAVORED ANY INITIATIVE LEADING TO A SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC RESOLUTION 385 AND ACCEPTABLE TO SWAPO, WHICH HAS INDONESIA'S FULL SUPPORT. DARVSMAN ALSO SCORED THE SAG'S "ANNEXATION" OF WALVIS BAY.

4. FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SOVIET LEAD (REFTEL),
BULGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TZEGCOV NOTED
WHAT HE TERMED "FEVERISH ACTIVITIES BY WELL DEFINED
WESTERN CIRCLES" WHO, HE ALLEGED, WERE INTENT ON
"SOWING THE ILLUSION" THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN
INDEPENDENCE WITH OUT FIGHTING FOR IT. AFTER A
LENGTHY ATTACK ON "CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES" FOR
ALLEGED "MORAL, DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY"
SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR PURPORTEDLY
BUTTRESSING SAG CLAIMS TO WALVIS BAY, TZEGCOV DID
ENDORSE "STRICT AND UNCONDITIONAL" IMPLEMENTATION OF

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RESOLUTION 385.

5. FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR STRONGLY REAFFIRMED GERMAN COMMITMENT TO WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL AND, ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE, MADE A STATEMENT IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE DEBATE IN THE WAKE OF VORSTER'S APRIL 25 STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. TEXT OF STATEMENT IS BEING SENT SEPTEL.

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6. YUGOSLAVIA'S FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINIC SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT ANY SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA ACCEPTABLE TO SWAPO. STATING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, HE COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FIVE'S WORK HAD AROUSED WIDE INTEREST IT HAD "NOT YET PRODUCED RESULTS." MINIC SAID THE SAG'S REPLY TO THE FIVE HAD CONFIRMED YUGOSLAVIA'S CONVICTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WANTED TO "PERPETUATE THE ANNEXATION OF WALVIS BAY AND ITS DOMINATION IN NAMIBIA". HE ADDED THAT THE LEAST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED OF THE FIVE WAS A STATEMENT THAT THEY CONSIDER WALVIS BAY TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. MINIC ADDED THAT THE SAG WANTED TO REDUCE THE ROLE OF THE UN TO "THE LOWEST MINIMUM OF OBSERVER PRESENCE" AND TO APPLY RESOLUTION 385 IN A WAY ENABLING IT, INTER ALIA, TO LIQUIDATE SWAPO. SHOULD THE SAG CONTINUE TO OPPOSE UN DECISION, HE SAID, THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD APPLY "APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS" AGAINST IT.

7. TUNISIAN PERMREP MESTIRI EMPHASIZED IN HIS REMARKS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT SWAPO "IN EVERY INSTANCE". HE ASSERTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES IN THE WESTERN PROPOSAL THAT HAD BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S APRIL 25 REPLY TO THE FIVE. IN PARTICULAR, HE SINGLED OUT THE OMISSION OF WALVIS BAY,

THE "UPPER HAND" SUPPOSEDLY GIVEN THE ADMINISTRATOR-
GENERAL, AND RETENTION OF THE EXISTING POLICE.
MESTIRI SUMMED UP HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT,
WHILE THERE COULD BE NO UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE
FIVE'S PROPOSAL, NEITHER SHOULD THE DOOR BE CLOSED ON IT.
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